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THE COMMITTEE ENDS ITS WORK

Amid Scenes of Tense Partisan and Personal Feeling Republicans End Labors.

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Nationalist Leader Will Deliver One of Most Important Speeches of Career at Quebec.

Montreal, June 16.—What will probably be one of the most important speeches of the year will be delivered by Henri Bourassa at the Canadian Free Party, Francoise, which is to be held at Quebec Saturday. He is expected to arrive from Europe in time to speak on the last day of the convention.

Mr. Bourassa's subject will be "The Future of the French Language and Canada." "Prepared for the Francoise," preparations are practically completed for the congress, which is one of the biggest and most important assemblies of the year to be held in America, with 1,500 delegates from all parts of the United States will probably be expected, that Mr. Langevin will make an important and exhaustive speech on the school question.

The object of the convention is to discuss with particular the French-speaking people of America have made. As one of those interested in the affair expressed it, "We want to find out where we are, what we are."

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A Coming Great Electric, Oil, Mining, Industrial and Distributing City Now in its Swaddling Clothes

A NEW STAR IN THE REAL ESTATE FIRMAMENT--SHINING BRIGHTLY

What Fort McMurray Bases Its Future Greatness Upon

LUMBER

Along all the streams and lakes in the Fort McMurray District there are large stands of white spruce, jack pine, tamarack and birch exist. These varieties are all well suited for lumber. In fact it is well known that sufficient timber exists in this district to supply all Western Canada with lumber for several generations to come! Many are already seeking saw-mill sites at Fort McMurray and this industry employing thousands will undoubtedly be well established in advance of the railway.

PULP WOOD

The white spruce and the poplar the two varieties of timber best suited for pulp manufacture, predominate in the Fort McMurray District. The manufacture of pulp and paper should speedily become a Fort McMurray leading industry. Cheap power will supply the coming great city of Fort McMurray with plenty of light and heat.

ASPHALT

World's Greatest Deposits.
The enormous outcrops of tar sands in the vicinity of Fort McMurray depends chiefly for their commercial value upon railway transportation. Analysis of these sands show that it is composed of 81.73 per cent. of silicious sands, 5.85 per cent. of water, mechanically impure, and 12.42 per cent. of pure, chemically pure and relatively inactive slate with very little refining it may be used for paving, roofing and many other commercial purposes. The pure asphalt, rock asphalt and tar sands found here in inexhaustable quantities are ever in great demand, commanding a high price in the markets of the world, will give to Fort McMurray enormous wealth. Their mining, refining and manufacture will give employment to thousands:

"During the warm weather tar, or thin pitch, free from any mixture of sand, oozes out of the banks, as if by pressure, and piles up in great masses, and becomes saturated with the thick petroleum. This accumulates among the vegetable matter on low grounds, and may be collected in great quantities. In the winter the tar also comes in some places from pressure beneath the surface, and is collected in barrels. It is sent by pony and to the Mission Stations and after boiling it down so that it will harden on cooling, it is used for putting over traps, roofs, etc."

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CLASS

The tar sands in the Fort McMurray District provide the two essentials for a glass making industry—the tar and the silica, for tar sand burns freely if supplied with sufficient air, and the sand, consists of grains of pure vitreous quartz, suitable for

the manufacture of the finest white glass. This industry alone should be developed to employ thousands of men, adding further to Fort McMurray's greatness.

GAS

Of combustible material the Fort McMurray District has beneath its soil a store that occasionally proves overwhelming, as when bubbles of gas enclosed a floor of natural gas is released which cannot be capped for some time, and whose roar can be heard for two or three miles. Gas in great quantities, plenty of wood and nearness of great bodies of coal will supply the coming great city of Fort McMurray with plenty of light and heat.

OIL

As to the possibilities of striking oil, according to reports made by prominent experts and geographical surveyors, there is lying under the ground in the Fort McMurray District, richer deposits of oil than those in California. Five oil boring outfits are already in to field. The oil is there. It has already been trapped and every indication is given of a tremendous flow of oil as the wells are sunk deeper. In all probability the drills now in the field will reach the main oil bearing sands before the close of the 1912 season. The result will be a rush to this fields, the like of which has never been seen before on the American continent.

SALT

Near Fort Smith, on the Northern frontier and tributary to Fort McMurray by waterway, there is a salt deposit of considerable size. The salt is being探 for by an oil prospecting concern, penetrated during boring operations, ale yet of rock salt two hundred feet in thickness. The water of Saline Springs just below Fort McMurray is so heavily impregnated with salt that a large amount of salt is being deposited on the surface. Salt refining is a profitable industry and the product always finds a ready market. This industry bids fair to add to Fort McMurray's renown.

FURS—FISH

The furs of the great North Country will always bring a certain amount of wealth to Fort McMurray. The cold waters of Northern Canada's streams and lakes provide a fine habitat for the local varieties, the trout and white fish are in great demand among the epicureans in the cities of Eastern Canada and the United States. The curing and packing of fish will undoubtedly become a profitable industry, employing many.

AGRICULTURE

The region tributary to Fort McMurray is one of great rivers, lakes and forests, containing the immense valleys of the Athabasca, Clearwater and Lower Peace River, comprising a magnificent extent of land only waiting for a railway to make it rank as some of the finest stretches of territory in the world. One Government explorer states that the Clearwater Valley alone will accommodate 350,000 settlers.

No further proof of the splendid home making possibilities to be found in Northern Alberta can be needed when it is remembered that the prize wheat exhibited as long ago as 1876 at the Centennial Exhibition held in Philadelphia, U.S.A., was grown at Fort McMurray on Laber Athabasca in latitude 59 degrees 35 minutes north of the Equator and 110 miles from the boundary. Moreover, far up at Vermilion-on-the-Peace, 700 miles from the nearest railway point, Edmonton, in a latitude almost as far north as Northern Labrador, yet in quantities of luxuriant growth and a climate so mild and dry, a light wheat crop with a yield of 35 barrels a acre has been in operation for some years for the sole purpose of dealing with the wheat grown in the vicinity. But it must not be forgotten that altitude makes more difference in the success of growing of crops than latitude. "Vermilion is only 150 feet above sea-level, while Edmonton is 2158 feet and Calgary is 3380 feet." All this vast productive agricultural territory is directly tributary to Fort McMurray by navigable water routes, the very cheapest method of transportation, and the completion of the railway to Fort McMurray will bring this great territory into direct communication with the outside world.

FLOUR MILLS

Electric power has always been a potent factor in the upbuilding of the milling industry. Fort McMurray will have the power. The great valleys tributary will grow millions of bushels of wheat. All this wheat must eventually be transferred at Fort McMurray from boat to train. It is not necessary to suppose the elevation of large canals for the storing of this grain and mills for its manufacture into flour will be built there?

ELECTRIC POWER

Electric power is necessary requisite for the upbuilding of large industries. Fort McMurray is well favored in this respect. Just south of Fort McMurray, and in view from the hilltop, the Athabasca River breaks into a series of Rapids from which, according to authority, nearly a quarter of a million horsepower can be derived. The Grand Rapids on

the river above Fort McMurray, a magnificent spectacle, could in their descent of sixty feet in a quarter of a mile develop at least 60,000 horsepower, in an ordinary season.

OTHER RESOURCES

Other natural resources known to exist in this country are gold, copper, galena, iron ore, silver, mica, limestone, sandstone and gypsum, all of which will require capital and labor for their development.

TRANSPORTATION

All Fort McMurray needs now to stand is on its road to greatness is a Railroad. That is need is soon to be supplied. The session of the Alberta Legislature guaranteed the bonds of the C. & E. extension to Fort McMurray. Surveyors are already in the field. Construction work will be rushed to rapid completion. Then will millions upon millions of long tons of coal from Fort McMurray to feed the iron and steel works of the lower part of this district, an empire in extent. Then will thousands of settlers and city builders flock to this richly favored section. The great river highways of the North will provide easy and cheap communication for all this vast territory with Fort McMurray the head of navigation on the Athabasca River. Railways will in the course of a few years radiate in every direction out of Fort McMurray, but the great water highways will always remain to serve throughout this vast territory in keeping down freight and passengers rates to Fort McMurray the distributing and manufacturing center.

Special—

Since this advertisement was written English Capitalists, realizing the future greatness of Fort McMurray and the wonderful richness of the great north country tributary, have arranged to build a second railway without Government aid from Edmonton to Fort McMurray and from there westward to the Peace River and eastward to the Hudson's Bay, to connect with a fleet of ocean-going steamers. This new road, it is understood, will become a fourth transcontinental line. It is planned by this syndicate, which is backed by The London and Dominion Trust Co., representing \$45,000,000 capital, to have the line from Edmonton to Fort McMurray in operation within two years, from which point the east and west extensions will be built.

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